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The following institutional members were elected:

Director, Dominion Astronomical Observatory, Victoria, B. C.
L'Observatoire Astronomique, de l'Universite Imperial, Odessa,
Russia.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON, *Secretary*.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL
SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY
HALL OF THE PHELAN BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO,
ON JANUARY 27, 1917, AT 8:15 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by President Townley.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the minutes of the previous annual meeting were approved as printed in the PUBLICATIONS.

The annual report of the Treasurer, as printed elsewhere, was read and approved.

The report of the Comet Medal Committee for 1916 was read by Dr. H. D. Curtis, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMET-MEDAL COMMITTEE.

MOUNT HAMILTON, January 16, 1917.

Only two unexpected comets were observed during the year 1916, the smallest number in many years. These were:

1916a—Unexpected comet discovered by M. G. Neujmin, at Simeis, Russia, on February 24, 1916.

1916b—Unexpected comet discovered by Dr. Max Wolf, at Heidelberg, Germany, on April 27, 1916. This comet at discovery had a greater geocentric distance than any other comet at time of discovery. It will be visible during the greater part of the present year, and may become a conspicuous object.

Encke's periodic comet was photographed by Dr. Max Wolf on September 22, 1916. The comet at this time was only one month past the aphelion, and the observation can therefore hardly be said to have been made "on the return of the comet." This is the first time that any comet has been observed, visually or photographically, when in the neighborhood of aphelion passage, and the event deserves special notice.

A comet discovery was announced by Dr. Joel Metcalf on November 24, 1916, but the object proved to be an asteroid.

In accordance with the statutes the Donohoe Comet-Medal has been awarded for the discoveries of Comet *a* and *b*.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on the Comet-Medal:

W. W. CAMPBELL,
R. H. TUCKER,
H. D. CURTIS.

(EIGHTY-NINTH) AWARD OF THE DONOHOE COMET-MEDAL.

The Comet-Medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific has been awarded to Mr. M. G. Neujmin, of Simeis, Russia, for the discovery of an unexpected comet on February 24, 1916.

Committee on the Comet-Medal:

W. W. CAMPBELL,
R. H. TUCKER,
H. D. CURTIS.

(NINETIETH) AWARD OF THE DONOHUE COMET-MEDAL.

The Comet-Medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific has been awarded to Dr. Max Wolf, of Heidelberg, Germany, for the discovery of an unexpected comet on April 27, 1916.

Committee on the Comet-Medal:

W. W. CAMPBELL,
R. H. TUCKER,
H. D. CURTIS.

The report of the Library Committee—Richardson, chairman—showed that there had been no additions to the library during 1916, other than the ordinary periodicals received in exchange.

A verbal report was made by the President upon the work of the Adolfo Stahl Lecture Committee, and the Society was congratulated upon the success of the three lectures so far given. The lectures, he stated, had been well attended and the general popular interest in astronomy created by them was already showing itself in increased applications for membership in the Society.

The report of the committee appointed in October, 1916, to prepare a letter of invitation to join the Society, showed that over seven hundred such letters had been sent out. It was too early as yet to announce the full effect of these letters, but the results, as shown by the names already received, promised to be most gratifying to the Society.

The report of the Committee to nominate a Board of Directors and a Publication Committee for the ensuing year was then read as follows:

For members of the Board of Directors—W. W. Campbell, B. L. Hodghead, J. Costa, H. D. Curtis, D. S. Richardson, A. H. Markwart, F. V. Cornish, W. H. Crocker, C. S. Cushing, A. O. Leuschner, Charles Burckhalter.

For members of the Publication Committee—R. G. Aitken, H. D. Curtis, H. Shapley.

Messrs. Markwart and Ziel were appointed tellers by the President, and the ballots were distributed, to be taken up later in the evening.

President Townley then proceeded to deliver the address of the evening, his subject being a sketch of the life and work of Dr. E. E. Barnard, Bruce Medalist of the Society for the year 1917. In very eloquent and feeling words the speaker reviewed the brilliant career of the Medalist—his subject being particularly grateful to him because of his personal acquaintance and life-long friendship with Dr. Barnard.

At the close of his address, and after showing many beautiful photographs taken by Dr. Barnard, the following letter from the recipient of the Medal was read:

YERKES OBSERVATORY
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
WILLIAMS BAY, WIS.

1917, January 20.

MR. D. S. RICHARDSON,
Secretary, Astronomical Society of the Pacific,
San Francisco, California.

DEAR MR. RICHARDSON: I have been hoping that I might be able to come to San Francisco to receive the Bruce Medal on the 27th of this month. My physical condition is such, however, that I cannot undertake the long journey. I hope that my absence from the January meeting of the Society will not in any way be taken as a want of respect or appreciation for the honor it has shown me. It would be a great happiness indeed to be present at the meeting, but circumstances make my absence unavoidable.

Please accept for yourself my expressions of esteem and for the Society my sincere thanks and appreciation of the honor they will confer upon me.

With the hope that I may always be worthy of their action.

Very sincerely,

EEB

E. E. BARNARD.

At the close of the President's address the ballots were collected and counted and showed the unanimous election of the Board of Directors and the Publication Committee as nominated.

For members of the Board of Directors—W. W. Campbell, B. L. Hodghead, J. Costa, H. D. Curtis, D. S. Richardson, A. H. Markwart, F. V. Cornish, W. H. Crocker, C. S. Cushing, A. O. Leuschner, Charles Burckhalter.

For members of the Publication Committee—R. G. Aitken, H. D. Curtis, H. Shapley.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON, *Secretary.*

MINUTES OF THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD
IN THE ROOMS OF THE SOCIETY ON JANUARY 27,
1917, AT 9:45 P. M.

There were present Directors Curtis, Cornish, Burckhalter, Markwart, Hodghead and Richardson.

Director Curtis was called to the chair and the Board proceeded to organize by the unanimous election of the following officers:

For President—J. Costa.

For First Vice President—C. S. Cushing.

For Second Vice President—H. D. Curtis.

For Third Vice President—A. H. Markwart.

For Secretary-Treasurer—D. S. Richardson.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON, *Secretary.*